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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The Chair would advise the gentleman from Minnesota to consult with the chairman of the Committee on the Budget on this matter of a submission as soon as practicable after April 15.

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, I know the gentleman cannot be here. The gentleman knows I am making this inquiry.

THE BUDGET PROCESS

(Mr. SABO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, let me indicate that this was a process adopted in 1990 to make sure that appropriations could move forward in the event no budget resolution is adopted. In 1991, April 15 came on a Monday. The allocation to appropriations was filed on April 18. In 1992, April 15 came during Easter recess. The House reconvened on April 28 and the allocation was filed on April 30. In 1994, April 15 was a Friday. The allocation was filed on Tuesday.

Let me indicate that this is a process established so that appropriations can move forward. It does not prejudice what the 602(b) allocations internally in that committee should be, but it should be followed so that committee can begin working, avoid the problems we had this year on the continuing resolution. It does not prejudice how the Committee on Appropriations makes internal allocations. The majority has full flexibility to move forward, if they desire in a partisan way, with the 602(b) allocation. They could begin negotiations with the minority Democrats and administration to resolve what we are now resolving 6 months late at this point of the year. They have that discretion.

I urge, if it has not been followed, that the majority follow the law, give that allocation to Appropriations, so that negotiations can begin within the appropriating process so we do not have to go through the 13 continuing resolutions of this year and the budget process, whenever it is going to occur, whatever form it is going to take, or at what time we eventually get to the conference agreement, can proceed. But we should not be shortening the time that the Committee on Appropriations needs and which under the law they should be able to begin now.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inquire of the distinguished chief deputy majority whip the schedule for today and the remainder of the week and for the next week.

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, I thank my good friend from Michigan, the minority whip.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that we have concluded our legislative business for the week.

On Monday, April 29, the House will meet in pro forma session. There will be no legislative business, and no votes, on that day.

On Tuesday, April 30, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. Members should note that we do not anticipate votes until 5 p.m.

On Tuesday, April 30, we will consider three bills under suspension of the rules: H.R. 1823, to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act; H.R. 1527, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986; and H.R. 873, the Helium Privatization Act of 1995.

After the suspensions, we will consider the President's veto of H.R. 1561, the American Overseas Interests Act of 1995.

On Wednesday, May 1, and Thursday, May 2, the House will consider the following bills, both of which will be subject to rules: H.R. 2149, the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1995; and H.R. 2641, the U.S. Marshals Service Improvement Act of 1995.

It is our hope that the conference report to S. 641, Ryan White CARE Reauthorization Act of 1995, will also be available next week.

Mr. Speaker, we should finish legislative business and have Members on their way home to their families by 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 2.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for his comments. I have just one or two questions. Can the gentleman tell us if the House is expected to appoint conferees on the health care bill next week?

Mr. HASTERT. It is our intent that the health care conferees will be appointed next week.

Mr. BONIOR. I thank my friend. The second and final question I have is when will we consider, in light of the comments made by my friend from Minnesota, Mr. SABO, when will we consider the budget resolution?

Mr. HASTERT. We would hope that the budget bill will be marked up next week and considered the following week.

Mr. BONIOR. I thank my friend. I wish him a good weekend and good traveling.

Mr. HASTERT. Same to you, sir.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1996

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

HOURLY OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 1996

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Monday, April 29, 1996, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 1996, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION TO AMEND REPORT ON H.R. 2406, UNITED STATES HOUSING ACT OF 1996

Mr. LAZIO of New York. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to amend Report No. 104-461, originally filed on February 1, 1996, to include Congressional Budget Office cost estimates for H.R. 2406, the United States Housing Act of 1996.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

104TH CONGRESS EARNING SHAME- FUL REPUTATION ON MINIMUM WAGE

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday I sent this letter to Speaker GINGRICH urging him to hold a vote on a clean minimum wage increase. And today we learn that we will not even have the opportunity to vote on a dirty minimum wage increase.

I have my daughter here for the day, Shanterri Grier, and she is here at the Capitol with me. Every one of the Republican leaders has said that she does not deserve the right to earn a decent wage. Shame, shame, shame. This Congress is earning its reputation.

Conservative political analyst Kevin Phillips said the 104th Congress may be the worst in 50 years, and they are proving it today.

Mr. Speaker, the letter referred to earlier is included for the RECORD.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 23, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER GINGRICH: As a member of the Georgia Congressional Delegation I feel